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# CLOSETED BEHIND LOCKED DOORS.

Acting Secretary and Minister Wu Confer-

GREATEST SECRECY

None of the Parties Were the Least Bit Communicative.

A LONGER TIME IS REQUIRED.

Replies From All the Powers Not Yet Received-France in Active Negotiation With Russia in Endeavor to Effect Some Compronise Arrangement.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.-Minister Wu arrived in Washington from Cape May late this evening and proceeded directly to the State Department, It is understood that he had received an intimation that the Department officials were desirous of confering with him. For nearly two hours the Minister was closeted behind locked doors with Acting Secretary Hill and Assistant Secretary Adee, None of the parties to the coference was communicative, but at its conclusion Secretary Hill went to the White House with a portfolio well filled with papers.

It was understood that the Chinese situation was approaching another phase and a pronouncement of some kind was near. After the announcement of the Russian note of August 20th the officials here expressed the belief that about a weeks time would be required to determine upon the next step. The reports of European chancellories indicate that this important subject is being treated with the greatest deliberation and at least an-other week, and probably more time may be consumed in framing the last of the answers to the Russian note. Our dover-ment has pretty well satisfied itself as to the character of the last notes of each of the Powers interested in the subject, and perhaps an independent move by the answers to the Russian note. Our Govern-

the Powers Interested in the subject, and perhaps an independent move by the United States toward the ultimate with-drawal of the trops has been in mind since the beginning of the trouble.

Consultations with Mr. Wu are believed to have been inspired by a desire to learn something of the personality of Chinese notables, whose names have been suggested as persons to constitute the Chinese side of any commission which may nese side of any commission which may be named to arrange a settlement of the difficulties MUCH SPECULATION

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Mr. Wu is an ardent friend of Earl Li. There is much speculation here as to the personnel of the American commission in case the peace negotiations should be entrusted to such a body, and the names of men prominent in State affairs in recent years, have been mentioned. John M. Foster, if he appears at all in these negotiations, will be in his old place as a representative of the chinese Government. There was a dearth of information from China to-day. General Chaffee got through a disputch, dated September 1st, at Pekin.

a dispatch, dated September 1st, at Pekin, indicating that couriers are still employed to close the gap in the line of communication between Tien Tsin and Pekin. This dispatch had a period of the still employed to the still employed to the still employed to the still employed to the still employed depatch made no mention of the military situation, and it is inferred that affairs in Situation, and it is interest warmly Peldin remain quiet. The dispatch warmly commended Colonel Aaron Daggat for gallantry in China, and recommended that he be made a brigadier-general.

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A dispatch from Shanghai says Li Hung Chang has made a request for an escort of Americans to accompany him on his journey to Pekin, and United States Consul Goodnow is considering his request.

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#### COMPROMISE SUGGESTED.

care an International Guard at

Chinese Capital.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, September 7.—Active negotiations are in progress koking to some compromise arrangement with Russia regarding the position she has assumed towards Pekin. The communications exchanged between the Powers now have better promise of success. ise of success.

The compromise suggested here, it is The compromise suggested here, it is asserted, is the withdrawal of the forces of all the Powers in Petin, beautry an international guard to protect the legation pending a peace settlement. The major body of troops, it is also said, will retire to the neighborhood of Tien Tsin leaving sufficient forces along the road to keep clear the railroad route between Pekin

and Tien Tsin.

Russia's attitude is interpreted here as meaning that she will withdraw her troops outside the walls of Pekin, but not necessarily a great distance from that city.

#### AGREES TO A COMPROMISE.

Port on of Troops Will be Left in Pe kin and Rest Withdrawn.

LONDON, Sept. 8.—It is asserted by the Austrian Foreign Office, according to the Vienna correspondent of the Dally Mail, that Russia has agreed to a compromise, leaving a portion of the troops in Pekin and sending the main body to Tien Tsin, which will be the military headquarters.

#### VISITING KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Tendered an Informal Recention by St. Andrews Commandery.

The Sir Knights of the Coeur de Leon Commandery, Knight Templars, of Charles. town, Mass. with many ladies, arrived yesterday morning from Luray Caverns, where they had spent Thursday viewing where they had spent Thursday viewing the natural wonders. The party of one hundred and twenty-seven were met at the train by Sir Samuel H. Bowman, of St. Andrew's Commandery, who showed the visitors to carriages that took them to the Jefferson, where Sir Knight Charles A. Nesbitt, of St. Andrew's Commandery, No. 13. welcomed them at the hotel. In the afternoon the visitors as guests of the local commandery, were driven about the city until 6 o'clock, when they returned to the hotel, where dinner was served.

At 9 o'clock last night the party was tendered an informal reception at the Masonic Temple. Sir Knight J. Taylor Filyson made a brief address of welcome in behalf of St. Andrew's Commandery

and was responded to by Eminent Com-mander Robert Duddy, also Past Comman-ders Charles W. Sawyer and Joseph W. Hill. Sir Knight Frank W. Cunningham added to the pleasure of the occasion by one of his appropriate songs, "The Sword of Bunker Hill," after which refreshments

were served.

The halls were beautifully decorated with salms and Thilow's orchestra furnished the nusic for the occasion.

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The party leaves this morning for Old Point, where they will spend the day, thence to Baltimore by Bay Line, where they will proceed by rail to New York, and from New York via Fall River Line, home

rom New York via Fall River Line, home.
The following comprise the Couer deLeon Commandery and their friends:
Mr. and Mrs. K. Duddy, Mr. and Mrs.
I. H. Bates, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barber,
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Grimmon, Sr. and Mrs.
C. W. Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Butler,
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Duddy, Mr. and Mrs.
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#### FELL FROM FREE BRIDGE.

An Employe of the Chesapeake and Ohio Receives Serious Injuries. While attempting to lift a heavy weight on the Richmond end of the free bridge yesterday afternoon about 1:30 o'clock, J. A. Haywood, an employee of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, lost his balance and fell some distance to the ground be-lew. Several benes were broken, his leg badly truesed, his nose and upper lip bady cut acd he sustained internal injuries. Dr. W. A. Gills, of the city ambulance, esponded to the call and removed the wounded man to the City Hospital.

At a late hour last night the injured man was resting easily, and the doctors have hopes of his recovery.

Itaywood is a married man and lives in

## WANT IT HELD HERE.

Mr. Grabbs Will Fight for Conven tion of Postmasters.

Assistant Postmaster John L. Grubbs, who will attend the national convention of postmasters, at Peoria, Ill., commencin on September 15th, will make an effort to secure the next meeting of the body in this city. To this end he has held a con-ference with members of the Chamber of Commerce and business men of the city

to enlist their co-operation.

The postmasters of several other Virginia cities will attend the Peoria meeting, and it is understood that they will told hands with Mr. Grubbs in his effort to

# THEIR CONDITION IS DEPLORABLE

Native Indians in Alaska Dying of Starvation - Government

May Send Aid.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—The Secretary of the Treasury has received advices from Alaska, confirming reports that most a deplorable condition exists among the native Indians along the coast from Cape Nome northward. The Treasury officials are powerless to render any aid to the sufferpowerless to render any aid to the suffer-ers, owing to the fact that the Govern-ment has no available—funds for such a purpose, but General Spaulding has writ-ten a letter to the War Department which has a fund that can be drawn upon in emergency cases like the present, recom-mending that food be supplied and dis-tributed under the direction of the army officers in charge of the troops stationed there.

The Treasury Department will furnish

### CONDUCTORS DISCHARGED.

R. P. and P. Co. Not Satisfied With

Their Returns.
A prominent official of the Richmond Passenger and Power Company, said last night that a number of their conductors had been relieved from further duty. "Among the men discharged, were some

"Among the men discharged, were some who were not making proper returns," said one of the Power Company's officials. "One of them failed to turn in as many as twenty-five fares for a single trip, and he was promptly discharged. Some of the others had a way of collecting a great number of fares, and then ringing the bell very rapidly, when it is a positive rule of the company that each fare shall be registered as it is collected." The official indicated that some more conductors were on the rack, and would have to go, unless the rules of the company were observed. "This is purely a business matter," he concluded, "and we are dealing with it in a business-like way, and if the men in our employ do not observe the rules of the company, they may expect to be removed."

# READY TO SWING THE GATES OPEN

Everything Ready for the Odd-Fellows.

MEETING LAST NIGHT

Joint Session of Representatives of All the Committees Held.

REPORTS MOST ENCOURAGING.

Funds for the Entertainment of the Visitors Without an Appeal to the General Public for Aid - Parade to be a Big

Reports made at the joint meeting at the Jefferson last night by the chairmen of the various committees having in charge plans for the reception and entertainment of the thousands of Odd-Fellows who are coming to Richmond on account of the sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which convenes in this city September 17th, showed that the work is practically completed and that only some minor odds and ends in connection with the arrange-

ments are yet to receive attention.

The joint meeting at the Jefferson was for the purpose of having a thorough understanding of what had been accomplished by the several committees and what remained to be done. There was quite a good attendance, every committee having a representative present to report in its behalf, and the statements made were of most gratifying nature.

The meeting was called to order and presided over by Mr. Hill Montague, chairman of the general committee of arangeman of the general committee of arangements and of the Executive Committee, and he at the outset explained that the chairman, with the aid of their committees, had substantially perfected arrangements for the coming of the Odd-Feilows. Chairman Montague said that these arrangements had not been easily made, that with one or two exceptions there had never been a convention or a gathering never been a convention or a gathering in Richmond the arrangements for which involved more details or a greater amount of labor than the Odd-Fellows. gratulated the various committees and the members of the Order in Richmond and Manchester, however, upon the fact that nearly all the details of the work in hand had been completed without the solicitation of aid from the outside public, outside contributions to the entertainment fund having only been asked of the hotels and rathroads, which would receive direct pecuniary benefits. He thought this spoke well for the home members of the Order. He did not fail also to pay due credit to the aid that had been rendered the committees in this respect by Odd-Fellows in other cities and towns throughout the State, as volunary contributions lodges all over Virginia had been received.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE. Chairman Monague then called upon Mr. J. Taylor Ellyson, chairman of the Committee on Reception, for a report as to the progress of his committee. Mr. Ellyson began by saying that Virginia's reputation for hospitality would never suffer in the hands of a good committee of Odd-Fellows. He said he had communicated with the thirty-five members of the Committee on Reception and that he had received letters of acceptance from twentyittee understood pretty thoroughly what

Mr. C. W. Morris submitted a statement s chairman of the Programme Committee and stated that his work was progressing very satisfactorily and that the official programme would be issued in due time. Chairman Pilcher, of the Badge Committee, reported that the badges would be ready on time and that there would be some specially pretty ones for the ladles. On behalf of the Committee on Printing. of which he is chairman, Mr. R. M. Pilche

said that the printing was about all done, and that most of it had already been sent

AS TO THE DECORATIONS.

Much interest was manifest d in the re-port of Mr. Julius Strause, chairman of the Committee on Decorations, Mr. Strause said he had made arrangements to have appropriately decorated the convention hall of the Jefferson, where the Sovereign Grand Lodge will meet, the Masonic Temple and the entrance to Lee Camp Hall, and also to have large American flags stretched across Franklin Street at the Jefferson Hotel, Broad Street at Fourth and Ninth Street and Main Street at Ninth. He added that it had also been arranged to have the carnival arch beautifully draped with flags and bunting. Mr. Strause reported in addition that he had sent out 250 postal cards asking the business men and merchants generally to decness men and merchants generally to dec-orate their places of business in honor of the Odd-Fellows and that he had re-ceived replies from a large number say-ing they would do so. He declared it as his belief that the decorations would be

quite gener THE LINE OF MARCH. Captain Morgan R. Mills, chairman of the Committee on Parade, reported that his committee had held a number of meet-ing and had its affairs well in hand. He said that a line of march for the big parade said that a line of march for the big parade had been agreed on as follows: Start from Broad and Adams Streets, moving down Broad to the reviewing stand in front of the City Hail, where the parade will be re-viewed by the Governor and the Mayor: thence down Broad to Twelfth Street, nown Twelfth to Main; up Main to Fifth, up Fifth to Franklin, out Franklin to Laurel, the parade to be reviewed from the balcony of the Jefferson as it passes the hotel by Grand Sire Pinkerton. The parade is to disband as it reaches Laurel

Mr. George B. Jones, chairman of the Committee on Transportation, made a most encouraging report. He said that his committee had secured rates and dates to suit ail, the rate being but one fare for the

at, the rate being but one late to the round-trip.

It was stated that the Committee on Hotels had matters in first-class shape to handle the crowds that are expected to come. All the hotel accommodations have been taken for the first three days of the the Committee on Carriages was

when the Committee on Carriage was called, Chairman Thomas B. Hicks said, "aid right," and Chairman Kendler, of the Committee on Meeting Places, reported that his committee had secured the Masonic Temple, and the First Regiment Armory, and that Sanger Hall would be

with delight when he announced that he had engaged the services of five fine bands for parade-day, and that there would be as many more here for the occasion, The bands engaged are the Fourth Artillery Band, at Old Point; the National Soldiers' Home Band, of Hampton; the Phoebus Band, of Richmond. Other bands will be here from Baltimore, Washington, Nortolk, Petersburg, Roanoke, and it is quite probable that the famous Stonewall Brigade Band, of Staunton, will come. Chairmen Davis and Larrabee, of the committees having charge of the arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the ladies, said they had made plans by which all would be given an enjoyable time

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For the committee on the entertainment to be given at the Auditorium, on Wednesday night, September 19th, Mr. Samuel R. Crowder, the chairman, called upon Mr. Manly B. Ramos to speak. Mr. Ramos reported that this committee had perfected plans to give a grand cake-walk, to be participated in by two sets of performers. Chairman W. H. Tompkins reported on behalf of the Committee on Information, and Chairman Hargrove, of the Committee in the Degree of Chivalry, told what he and his assistants had accomplished.

Mr. Mason, chairman of the Committee

Mr. Mason, chairman of the Committee on Ritualistic and Floor Work, submitted a report of what his committee had accomplished; and Mr. T. Wiley Davis said Mr. Lasiffer, chairman of the Committee on Horses and Trappings, had engaged a sufficient number of horses for the parade. The meeting then adjourned, Chairman Montague requesting that each of the chairmen to see to it that the work his committee has to do is performed in due

#### INCREASED REWARD FOR JOE.

Sergeant Smith Returns and Raises Offer from \$100 to \$250.

City Sergeant Smith returned from Boston yesterday and at once took steps to incresase the reward for the recapture of "Topeka Joe," the bank robber who got out of the city jail so mysteriously last Monday morning.

On his way back Sergeant Smith stopped in New York and had a talk with the Pinkertons regarding the escape and the best means to bring about

escape and the best means to bring about the recapture of "Topeka Joe."

The City Sergeant held a conference vesterday with Judge Witt and Chlef-of-Police Howard, at which the marvelous manner in which Joe took his departure, was discussed.

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It was agreed that there should be a thorough investigation of the matter and of the manner in which the officers on duty at the prison Sunday night performance of the control of the co

ed their duties. The investigation not begin until Commonwealth's Attorney Richardson returns to the city.

Mr. Smith directed that the reward offered for the recapture of "Topeka Joe"
be increased from \$100 to \$250, as he did

not think the former sum sufficient to in-duce anyone to work very hard to get "Topeka Joe." The Pinkerton detectives have been informed of the package sent here from New York, containing funds for Topeka Joe, and the name and address of the

sender is also in their possession.

The name of the party sending the patkage was given as William Reynolds, No. 46 Catharine Street, New York.

#### USED MAILS FOR FRAUD.

An Order Issued by Postoffice Depart ment for Protection of Teachers. (By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON Sept. 7 .- The Post-Office Department this morning issued the follow-

"Fraud order has been issued by the Post-Office Department against the Amer-Fost-Office Department against the American Teachers' Agency; the American Civil Service College, L. D. Bass, manager, R. M. Hines, secretary and treasurer, L. D. Bass and M. R. Hines, individually, all of Washington, D. C., directing the postmaster at Washington to return to the writers stamped fraudulent all mail matter arriving at the post-office for either of these parties or concerns, and forbidding the payment of any money orders drawn to their order."

This action was the result of an investigation by the Post-Office Department, which showed that these parties, under their own names, and those of the con-cerns above mentioned, were using the mails for obtaining money from teachers throughout the United States, and from these desiring to make preparation for the civil service examination by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, represen-

#### TO WINTER IN CHINA.

Lumber Being Shipped for a Cantonment in Taku.

(By Associated Press.)
SEATTLE, WASH., Sept. 7.—The Government transport Goodwyn, now at Ta-coma, is loading building lumber for the troops in China. She will come to Seattle o complete her cargo.

The War Department is to establish can-

tonment at Taku. Local officers of the army believe that this shipment of lumber indicates that American troops are to be kept in China at least six months.

Against American Cotton.

(By Associated Press.)
MANCHESTER, ENG., Sept. 7.—At a meeting of the Cotton Spinners here to-day it was decided practically unani-mously not to purchase American spot cotton during the month of September. Four-fifths of the employes in the trade were represented.

It is anticipated that the decision will lead to the closure of scores of mills for several weeks. Only three manufacturers opposed the resolution and their objection was, it was not strong enough, and that it should bind the trade to stop the

should bind the trade to stop the con-sumption of cotion and not merely to stop purchasing it.

The meeting was private, but it was ascertained that during the discussion there was sharp criticism of the Liverpool speculators, who, it was declared made the crisis worse by sambling.

Eventually the meeting adjourned until September 21st, when the situation again will be considered.

# VIRGINIAN WITH YELLOW FEVER.

One of General Fitzhugh Lee's Secretaries Taken With the Dread Disease.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) KOANOKE, VA., September 7.-W. J. DeLong received a cablegram this evening from Cuba, stating that his brother, Charles L. DeLous, a secretary in the of-fice of General Fitzhugh Lee, had con-

that his committee had secured the Masonic Temple, and the First Regiment Armory, and that Sanger Hall would be obtained if it should be needed.

MANY FINE BANDS.

Mr. Charles H. Phillips, chairman of the Committee on Music, thrilled all present

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Mr. DeLong is well known here, having graduated last year from the National Business College. He accepted a position with General Lee about three weeks ago. His parents reside at Lithia, Va.

# HON. W. A. JONES SEES VICTORY

He Arrives in the City and Talks Hopefully.

### SAYS BRYAN WILL WIN

Ready for the Big Meeting in Clay Ward To-night.

HE AND JUDGE MANN TO SPEAK.

Campaign to be Opened Under Auspicious Circumstances at Belvidere Hall-Col. Button Brings Cheering News From the Old Tenth-Other Political Notes.

Hon, William Atkinson Jones, the dean of the Virginia delegation in Congress, who will speak at the Democratic rally in Clay Ward to-night, arrived in the city late yes. terday afternoon, and is the guest of Capt, Lamb, on Fulton Hill, where he will be entertained until to-morrow, after which he will be the guest of Colonel John S. Harwood during the remainder of his stay in Richmond.

Mr. Jones talks most encouragingly of the Democratic prospects throughout the country, and expresses the belief that Bryan will be elected, and that the next House of Representatives will be con trolled by the Democratic party.

"The outlook for Democratic success said he, "is growing brighter every day, and I have every reason to believe that Mr. Bryan will be our next President. I was in Baltimore some weeks ago, and the party leaders there wore long faces, and said they had an up-hill fight before them, to carry the State of Maryland for Bryan; but when I was there again the other day the same men had grown absolutely cont dent of success, and assured me that Mary land was safe for the Democratic ticket beyond all doubt. "In Washington, where I called at Con

gressional headquarters several days ago. I found the same air of confidence among the Democratic leaders, and was assured that the most encouraging reports were

coming in from all over the country."

Mr. Jones said he thought West Virginia would swing back into the Democratic column, and that Mr. Bryan's recent tour of the State had materially aided in the bringing about of such a result.

When asked his opinion on the subject of electing judges by a direct vote of the people in Virginia, Mr. Jones replied most

emphatically that he was in favor of the "I have all along," said he, "favored the election of officers—from constable to president—by the people, and I still hold

president—of the people, and I same to those views."

Mr. Jones looks in good trim for the vigorous campaigning, which he will be called upon to do. He is one of the most brilliant campaign orators in Virginia, and is discovered to the configuration of the conf always crowded with engagements the progress of a political struggle in the State.

State.

The public meeting to be held under the auspices of the Clay Ward Actives tonight promises to be a grand success.

Mr. Jones and Judge Mann are among the ablest campaign orators in the State, and the hall will no doubt be packed with enthusiastic hearers.

If his health will permit, President Snead

will preside, and will present Snead will preside, and will present Captain Lamb, who, after a brief speech, will introduce the distinguished speakers. Congressman Jones will lead off, as Judge Mann canont get here until 9 o'clock The annual election of officers will take

The anutal election of the space of the space before the speaking begins, and it looks as if all the present officers will be chosen to succeed themselves by acclama-As this is the opening of the campaign here, arrangements have been made to make the occasion a grand one. A band of twelve pleees has been secured, and everything will be livley.

COL. BUTTON RETURNS.

Colonel Joseph Button, secretary of the State Committee, arrived in the city last night, from his home in Appamattox, and will remain most of the time until the campaign is over. He said the Democracy of the Tenth District was in finer shape than he had ever seen it, and he did not see, with the splendid organization which was being effected, how it was possible to

lefeat Mr. Flood for Congress. defeat Mr. Flood for Congress.
Senator Jeffries, who was billed to speak
at Fincastle next Monday, will speak at
Buckingham Court-house instead, and
Senator Flood will meet Col. Hubbard, his Republican opponent, at the former place in joint debate. Senator Thomas S. Martin will also speak at Buckingham with Mr

Senator Martin has also consented to speak at Appemattox Courthouse the first Thursday in October.

The date of the basket picnic, which was advertised for September 19th, at Stone-wall, Appomattox county, has been changed to October 6th. Governor Tyler, Lieutenant-Governor Echols, Senator Flood and Mr. Walter B. Richards, of Warren county, will make addresses on the occa-sion. Another big picnic will be held at Pamplins, a point on the line between Charlotte, Prince Edward and Appomattox counties, on the 17th of October. Thes counties are in three Congressional Discounties are in three Congressional Dis-tricts, and Messrs. Lassiter, Otey and Flood, of the Fourth, Sixth and Tenth, respectively, will be present and address the voters. The meeting will be presided over by Chairman Ellyson, who will also make an address.

JEFFRIES IS HAPPY. Senator John L. Jeffries, of Culpeper, who, as one of the Democratic electors at large for the State, is making such a at large or the ticket, was in the city yesterday and expressed himself as very much encouraged at the bright prospects for Lemocratic success all along the

Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson, Chairman of the State Democratic Committee, stated yesterday that he would attend the Con-ference of Democrats at Newport News to-day, which was to have taken place on vesterday, but which was 10st-poned because pressing private and po-litical matters claimed the chairman's attention here. He will leave here this morning and will go directly to Newport News, and do what he can to pour oil on troubled waters in the Second District.

Second District.

WILL VOTE FOR WOOLEY.

Rev. Dr. S. A. Steel, pastor of Centegary Methodist church, has written a three-column article for the Richmound Christian Advocate, in which he tells how three-column article for the Richmonnd Christian Advocate, in which he tells how he will vote in November.

He says he will cast his vote for John G. Wooley, the Prohibition candidate for China.

the presidency. He practically admits that the is throwing his vote away.

The editors of the Advocate, which is the The editors of the Advocate, which is the Methodist State paper, calls attention to the contribution of Dr. Steel, and invite friends of other presidential candidates to give the reasons for their choice. But they say: We will publish one article favoring Bryan and one championing Mc-Kinley, and there stop.

The Secretary of the Old Dominion Club has issued a call for a meeting to be held on Friday night next to prepare to assist in the prosecution of a vigorous campaign in the city.

## WILL BRING AUTOMOBILE.

Capt. Pizzini's Son to Return Soon With One,

With One,
Captain Andrew Pizzini said ast right
that his son and an expert machinist were
now at Tarry Town on the Hudson, examining automobiles at the great factory
there, and that upon his son's return in
about a week, he would have one of the
machines here to experiment with on the
hills of Richmond. Young Mr. Pizzini
writes his father that he is much pleased
with his experiences at the factory, and
that he believes the machines can be successfully used in Richmond.

#### THEY'RE AFTER HIM-

Department Instructs Postmaster Knight to Hold All Mail for Smith. Postmaster Wray T. Knight yesterday eccived an order from the Postoffice Department at Washington, instructing him to withold from C. H. Smith all mail addressed to him, pending an investigation of the charge of employing the United States mails for fractive recognition, which he was accessed on Tuesday last.

#### THE BOERS' WAR.

Buller Engaged the Enemy on Yes-

terday.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, September 7.—Lord Roberts reports from Belfast, Trinsvial, Wednesday, September 5th, as follows:
"Ian Hamilton traversed Dulstroom yesterday with slight opposition.

"Buller engaged the enemy's left this morning. Hamilton is endeavoring to turn the enemy's right. Boers with 12 guns and one pompom attacked 150 Canadian Infantry on the

railway between Pan and Wondersfontein. Mahon proceeded to their assistance. the little garrison had beaten off the enemy before he arrived. It was a very creditable performance. The wounded were Major Handers and Lleutenant Moddle, slightly, and two men. Six men are miss-

#### SURPRISED BRYAN.

The Candidate Forced to Make a Speech at Cambridge.

Speech at Cambridge.

(By Associated Press.)

CAMBRIDGE, OHIO. September 7.—W.

J. Bryan left Wheeling for Chicago at
7:30 this morning. He had endeavored to
keep his route a secret, but at Cambridge
there was assembled a crowd of several
hundred people who demanded a speech
from the candidate.

Mr. Bryan spoke for three minutes, confining himself to the trusts along the same
lines he has used in former speeches.

THE PLAGUE. No New Cases of the Disease in City of Glasgow.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, September 7.—The Ma-rine Hospital Service to-day received the following from Surgeon Thomas: "Glasgow, Scotland, Sept. 7.—Wyman, Washington: Salied September 6th, Astorian and Laurentin for New York; Peru-vian, Boston. No new cases three days;

onditions good.

# A GREAT CRASH IN COTTON MARKET

#### Amid Tremendous Excitement Prices Fell From Twenty-Five to Thirty-Two Points.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, September 7.—To-day marked the turning point in the great bull movement in cotton on the New York, New Orleans and Liverpool Cotton Ex-New Orleans and Liverpool Cotton Exchanges. With a crash, amid tremendous excitement, prices fell 25 to 25 points on the opening while the closing was weak at a net loss of 19 to 25 points.

Between the opening and the final phases the market scored some violent pendulations, at one time advancing within a

point or so of yesterday's closing. loss on the first call here wiped out fully one-third of the rise accumulated during

the forepart of the week and resulted from a panic in London.

The public was not a loser on the col-lapse of the English and American market, having sold out pretty thoroughly during the great rise of yesterday. Manchester spinners voted at a meeting to-day to close down their mills, being unable to profitably manufacture cotton goods at the present ubnormal prices demanded for American cotton. Moreover, there was not sufficient staple in all England to keep them going for ten days consecutively. Some traders are talking ten cents fanuary delivery, but conservative parties believe the turning point has been reached, To-day's business on the local Cotton Ex-change was estimated at 1,000,000 bales.

Killed by Robbers.

(By Associated Press.)
MARSHALL, MO., September 7.—H. H.
Mowry, night operator of the Chicago and
Aiton Railroad, was held up by three
masked robbers. While the men were masked roboers. While the men were rifling the station money drawer, Night Watchman Aulger appeared and pointed his pistol through the partly opened door commanded the men to surrender. He was immediately shot in the eye by one of the robbers and died soon after. The robbers escaped

Awarded Damages, (Special Dispatch to The Times.) BRISTOL, VA., September 7.-In Hustings Court of Bristol, Va., a

Hustings Court of Bristol, Va., a jury gave J. W. Fleener judgment against the Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company for damages, in the sum of \$5,000. Fleener lost his leg while in the company's employ. Robert Davis, who sued the Virginia and Southwestern Kailway for \$5,000 for personal injuries, was awarded judgment

Money for the Troops.

## HILL COMES OUT STRONG FOR BRYAN

Rescue New York From Republican Control.

## A STIRRING APPEAL.

Speech at Herkimer Creates Somewhat of a Political Sensation,

#### GOVERNMENT OF OUR FATHERS

McKinley is Declared to be Champlon of Monopolistic Combinations and Centralized Government,

> The Country's Danger, Declares Hill, Lies in the Administration.

(By Associated Press.) HERKIMER, N. Y., Sept. 7.-Senator Hill's speech here this evening created somewhat of a sensation in political circles. He came out estensibly to visit his old friend, Judge Earl. In the evening the Fort Dayton Band serenaded Mr. Hill, and a large crowd of citizens assembled. He was introduced by Judge Earl, and made a speech, the chief feature of which was his repeated support of Mr. Bryan. There was a report that Judge Earl was to be compromise candidate for Governor, but Judge Earl said emphatically that his

Mr. Hill, in the course, of his remarks, "It is needless to say that I am hearth's in favor of the election of Bryan and Stevenson. They are the candidates of the Democratic party, duly and regularly nominated at the national convention, of which asted at the national convention, of which I was a member, and which treated me, from beginning to end, with marked and unusual courtesy, and I am honorably bound to actively support a ticket of my party nominated under such circumstances. Our candidates represent the interests of the average man, and the issues this year are very plain and cannot be misunderare very plain and cannot be misunder-

name was not to be considered.

stood.
"One party favors large standing armles,
"One party favors large standing armles, a governimmense public expenditures, a govern-ment of grandeur and magnificence, high protective tariff, a British colonial p great combinations of corporate wealth and centralized government.

and centralized government.

"The other party favors a continuance of the plain and simple government of our fathers; public expenses limited to the actual necessities of the Government; tariff taxation for public purposes only, an army for defense and not for conquest, competition in business free from monopolistic combinations. listic combinations.

WHOM TO FEAR

"An appeal is made by our opponents to our love of country. It is a partisan, and not a sincere or patriotic appeal. It is based upon false pretenses. The country is not in danger except from those who are now administering its govern-ment. We will protect the flag wherever ment. We will protect the flag wherever it goes, but we will see that the flag goes only where it belongs. It shall not be hauled down in disgrace, neither shall it be raised anywhere in dishonor.

"The people are opposed to this Government acquiring territory which is not to be governed by our Constitution. The foreign policy of the protect of the

foreign policy of the present national administration has been weak, shifty, inco sistent and unpatriotic, and the best thought of the country, the best students of history, the most intelligent of Americans are against it. No right-minded man can defend a President who said in his annual message that it was our 'plain uty' to give free trade to Porto Rico with the United States, and then within a few months thereafter signed a measure which Imposed a tariff duty of 15 per cent. If wise counsel shall prevail at the Saratoga convention next week, we cannot only rescue the empire State from further Re-publican control, but can give our elec-

outlean control, but can give our elec-toral vote for our gallant national stand-ard bearer. William J. Bryan.

"Wille disagreeing with Mr. Bryan in some matters, I need not refterate that I earnestly desire his election. Let us then all work together enthusiastically for the cause and victory is within all for the cause and victory is within our reach."

## HARMONY IN NEW YORK.

Important Conference Held Yester day in New York City.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, September 7.—There was an important conference of the leaders of all factions of the State Democracy to-day at the Hoffman House.
Conferees were pledged to secreey and about all that any of them would admit was that an earnest and partially effective effort had been made to secure harmony.

Justice Carle, of Albany, was mentioned as a gubernatorial possibility.

Baden-Powell in Cape Town.

(By Associated Press)

CAPE TOWN, Sept. 7.—General Baden-Powell arrived here this morning. In spite of the early hour of his arrived, a great public ovation was given in his honor. The crowd carried him on their shoulders from station to the Government House, a distance of half a mile.

## SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S NEWS-

Local. -Spreading rail caused accident on Clay

Street line -- Moonlight excursion did not go. -Moonlight excursion did not go.

-Odd-Fellows' Committee meeting at
Jefferson Hotel.

-Committee from Lee Camp to appear
before Congress in reference to Confederate
graves in the North.

-Reception to visiting Knight Templars
at Masonic Temple.

-Workman fails from trestle to ground and may die.

General.

-Minister Wu in conference with Acting Secretary of State Hill behind locked

-Roosevelt given a great street demon-stration in Grand Rapids. -Violent fluctuations on Cotton Exchange -Hill's speech at Herkimur creates a political sensation.

Foreign.

-Russia may agree to a compromise, leaving a portion of international troops in Pekin.

# political sensation. -Coler practically beaten for Democratic nomination in New York.

Dispatches from Chinese capital have to be sent by couriers.

Buller engaged the Eoers on yesterday.